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In re Application of:)
Dworschak et al.)
Filed: Herewith)
For: **SCISSORS, IN PARTICULAR, FOR SURGICAL PURPOSES**

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- ☒ Patent Application Specification including Abstract and Claims (17 pages);
- ☒ Three (3) sheets of formal drawings, together with transmittal letter;
- ☒ Application Data Sheet;
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement, together with Form PTO-1449 and copies of cited foreign documents and International Search Report PCT/EP02/08389.

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***REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION
OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION***

Sir:

This is a request for filing a *continuation* application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior international application number PCT/EP02/08389 filed on July 27, 2002 which designated the United States.

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APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- (1) ☒ Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and claims - 17 pages
- (2) ☒ **Three (3)** sheet(s) of **formal drawings**, together with transmittal letter
- (3) ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover the ☐ filing fee(\$.00)
and/or ☐ Assignment Recordal Fee (\$_____) is enclosed.
- ☐ Before calculating the fee, cancel claim(s)
- ☐ Before calculating the fee, see copy of Preliminary Amendment filed.

Basic Fee							\$	770.00
Multiple Dependent Claims (\$260.)								
Foreign Language Surcharge (\$130.)								
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EXTRA	Total Claims	36	20	16	x	\$18.	=	\$ 288.00
CLAIMS	Independent Claims	1	3	0	x	\$86.	=	\$ 0.00
TOTAL FILING FEE							=	\$ 1,058.00

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- (4) ☐ Declaration and Power of Attorney form
- a. ☐ Newly executed
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
 - c. ☐ Deletion of inventor(s) – signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.
- (5) ☐ Small Entity Status

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- (6) ☐ Assignment document
- a. ☐ Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595
 - b. ☐ Copy from a prior application
 - c. ☒ Please include assignee information when this application is published
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- (7) ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- (8) ☐ Certified Copy of Priority Document, together with separate transmittal letter
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(12) ☒ Application Data Sheet

(13) ☐ Other:

(14) ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/EP02/08389 filed on July 27, 2002."

(15) ☒ This application claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 101 38 356.8 filed August 4, 2001.

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(17) ☒ Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, Applicants respectfully request that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of January 22, 2004, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail (No. EV 129898171 US).

Respectfully submitted,



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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are three (3) sheets of formal drawings for filing in the above-referenced patent application.

Please advise the undersigned attorney if correction is necessary.

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